

**Community Advisory Group (CAG)**  
**Libby Asbestos Superfund Site**

April 19, 2010

**Session Summary**

**SESSION OBJECTIVES**

1. Update each other...
2. Begin discussion and draft a framework related to a “symposium” in Libby.
3. Discuss and draft a “job description” for a possible community ombudsman.
4. Conduct CAG logistics business.

**CAG MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

JoElyn Brus (CARD; TAG)

Betty Challinor (ARDNET; CHC)

Cam Foote (Troy representative)

Gary Swenson (LVFD)

Virginia Tribe (Facilitator)

**TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS/OBSERVERS**

Catherine LeCours - Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**COMPLETED AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approving the Summary of the March CAG Meeting**

CAG members in attendance approved the March 29 meeting summary without changes.

**Updates**

**Comments/Discussion regarding Troy Involvement**

- CAG members in attendance welcomed Cam Foote, a resident and Pastor in Troy, who attended the meeting for the first time in response to Gary’s invitation. Cam said he was there to learn about the CAG and would try to come on a regular basis. He had questions about the CAG role and process and some specific questions directed to the DEQ representative about sites in Troy. The new governance structure was explained as well as the kinds of community issues CAG may address such as and/or try to influence:

- What can be done about loss of health insurance?
- Influence on how remediation and restoration might be designed so results provide value to the community (i.e., roads, visual, long-term community health resources, etc.)
- Removal of trees important to the community
- Common concerns such as asbestos in attics, concerns about school facilities and grounds, etc.
- Input on documents such as the Risk Assessment; working with EPA and DEQ to find flexibility that allows problem solving to continue
- Economic issues related to Institutional Controls (IC's)
- Resources for community entities such as the fire department, etc.
- He also asked DEQ what was considered naturally occurring asbestos and what is reasonable in terms of removal.
- Cam also stated that he hoped CAG might be able to provide leadership in terms of a developing/committing to a new vision for the impacted communities.

#### **EPA**

- EPA was not able to send a representative by will attend the May meeting. Those agenda items that would involve discussion with EPA were postponed until May.

#### **NRDC**

Catherine LeCours had comments for the CAG – that expanded and clarified the role DEQ hoped to play in this process. Those comments are as follows:

- She stated that she was happy to hear that CAG members would be responsible for attempting to bring Troy citizens to the CAG table.
- DEQ strongly supports the CAG “restart”.
- She is willing to help facilitate communication with other State agencies like the Health Department.
- She is happy to be a resource for the CAG – seeing that as a more appropriate role than a CAG member.
- She’s hoping that attendance and involvement of community members can grow and said she would be happy to help explore some strategies to that end.

Catherine also reminded the group about the Troy public meeting occurring on April 27 at the Middle School auditorium.

**Getting Started on Discussion regarding a Libby National “Symposium”  
Brainstorming Ideas about Purpose**

- Present new research/results of that research related to exposures
- Present and discuss epidemiological research
- Information about who should be tested, who is eligible and an explanation of the avenues for getting tested
- New health issues
- Should be delivered in understandable terms for the community
- Should not be a forum for “slamming” each other, agencies, process, etc.
- Politicians and local decision makers should be invited
- Include local speakers and pertinent stories, situations

**What do we need from the EPA and DNRC representatives at the May meeting?**

- Open discussion about their expectations - what’s possible and what’s not
- Help with a realistic design for a symposium; support for moving ahead

**Next Steps**

- Discussion will continue at the May meeting with the intent of coming to a tentative decision regarding a symposium.

**Exploring the “Job Description” for a Possible Community “Ombudsman”**

- Based on EPA’s absence, discussion was postponed until May.

**Where do we go from here?**

**Homework**

- CAG members are asked to:
  - Think about tonight’s discussion about a possible symposium and come prepared to move ahead in terms of coming to agreement.
  - Think about the notion of a community ombudsman; be ready to sort out what is intended... what that would look like if in place.
  - Come prepared with ideas for increasing CAG attendance.

**Affirming the Calendar**

CAG will continue to meet from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at St. John’s Hospital Conference Center (old church - River side of Hospital) on the following dates:

- May 12
- June 10

CAG members will schedule meetings for the remainder of the 2010 calendar year with the intent of establishing a consistent monthly day/date.